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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SOVIET DEAL IN ILO ELECTIONS

IO FOR ASST SECY LEWIS, PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, HOROWITZ AND  
QUACKENBUSH

REF: A) GENEVA 1893, B) GENEVA 1090, C) STATE 38044, D) GENEVA  
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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH LABATT REPORTED REF A, FRG COUNSELOR  
ROETGER GAVE ACCOUNT OF HOW FRG HAD REACTED TO SOVIET DEAL TO  
SUPPORT FRG CANDIDATE HAASE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY  
IN RETURN FOR SUPPORT OF SOVIET CANDIDATE IN 1980 (REF B AND C).  
ROETGER SAID SOVIET OFFER FIRST MADE BY GENEVA SOVIET MISSION  
COUNSELOR BOUKREEV TO HAASE WHO REPLIED THAT "IN A DEMOCRACY,  
ONE CANNOT MAKE PROMISES FOUR YEARS AHEAD". A FEW DAYS LATER  
BOUKREEV MADE SAME PROPOSITION TO ROETGER WHO REPLIED WITH  
SIMILAR LANGUAGE. BOUKREEV THEN TOLD ROETGER THAT POLISH  
GOVERNMENT MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY  
(NASZKOWSKI) WAS LIKELY TO BE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP  
OF GOVERNING BODY.

2. IN DISCUSSION OF ELECTIONS REPORTED PARA 4, REF A,  
ROETGER ALSO COMMENTED TO LABATT THAT "WE (FRG) DO NOT  
FEEL AS STRONGLY ON ELECTION (OF EASTERN EUROPEANS IN ILO)  
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AS YOU DO BUT WE WILL SUPPORT YOUR POSITION."

3. COMMENT: AFTER ILO CONFERENCE LAST JUNE, RUMORS WERE CIRCULATING THAT NASZKOWSKI WOULD BE CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF ILO GOVERNING BODY, AND HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF SEVERAL TECHNICAL ILO COMMITTEES AND OTHER WORK ON BEHALF OF GOVERNING BODY HAVE BEEN CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT SOVIETS ARE GROOMING HIM AS EASTERN EUROPEAN CANDIDATE FOR IMPORTANT ILO ELECTIVE POSITION. MOST RECENT INDICATION WAS UNPRECEDENTED RECEPTION GIVEN BY POLISH MISSION DURING MARCH GOVERNING BODY SESSION.

4. WE ARE INTRIGUED BY LANGUAGE USED BY BOTH HAASE AND ROETGER IN TURNING DOWN SOVIET PROPOSAL (BECAUSE IT LEAVES DOOR OPEN FOR DEAL IN 1980) AND BY ROETGER'S FRANK ADMISSION THAT HE (AND POSSIBLY FRG) DO NOT FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT ELECTION OF EE TO HIGH OFFICES IN ILO. IN "PERSONAL OPINION" DURING MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN AND FRG LABOR MINISTER ARENDY, HAASE ALSO HAD EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT BARRING EE FROM IMPORTANT ELECTIVE POSITIONS IN ILO. FRG PREFERENCES FOR MORRIS OVER IRISH LABOR MINISTER AS CHAIRMAN OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEEM TO BE DESIRE TO GET THEMSELVES AND MEMBERS OF EC-NINE OUT OF TRADE OFF TEMPTATION. DALE

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